

Carson Group Sets Meeting Next Monday

The Carson Civic Betterment Assn. will hold its first meeting of the year at the Women's Clubhouse on E. 220th St., next Monday, at 7:30 p.m.

This organization was formed a few years ago to serve an area roughly bounded on the north by 190th St. and Victoria Blvd.; on the east by Wilmington Ave.; on the south by Lomita Blvd. and on the west by Normandie Ave. It has a population of about 50,000 people.

Taking office for the new year will be J. Rome Gateley, president; T. O. Bruce, vice president; Mrs. G. E. Kennedy, secretary-treasurer; Theodore Bredahl, Charles A. Fankboner, James L. Duroy and G. E. Kennedy, executive committee.

During the past year several county officials have discussed matters of interest to the membership, and the same procedure will be followed during the coming year. The people of the Carson community are expected to give their approval to zoning changes in some parcels of land and a storm sewer system.

At the meeting next Monday, the Three R's will entertain with their steel guitars. Recently the Three R's won first place on the Bob Yeakel TV show.



THIS WAS JOE STALIN . . . Looking over a piece of the famed statue of Joseph Stalin which was pulled down by the Hungarian rebels at the height of the revolution there are three refugees from that country and two newly found American relatives. Shown are Leslie Gary, Mrs. Rozzi Gardos, Gabor Halmos, Stephanie Gary, and Istvan Gardos. Mr. and Mrs. Gardos and their son are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gary, 4902 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Hungarian Family Finds Refuge Here

A lady who recently arrived in Torrance after fleeing Communist terror in Hungary spends much of her time crying because she finds it hard to believe that anyone could be as wonderful as Americans.

Mrs. Rozzi Gardos, 55, and her son, Gabor Halmos, 20, arrived here last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gary, 4902 Pacific Coast Hwy. When they arrived they were wearing only the clothes they were wearing when they left Hungary. Today, they are well clothed and well fed, thanks to aid offered by many individuals from Torrance, including many of Gary's neighbors.

Souvenir Brought
They did bring one souvenir with them, however. Young Halmos brought along a piece of the giant statue of Stalin which was pulled over at the height of the Hungarian uprising. After the statue was razed, he managed to get a piece from the neck. He also brought along a piece of shrapnel which narrowly missed him during the fighting.

The family got a first-hand view of much of the major activity, since their flat was situated across the street from a Russian store which featured a large red star. On the first day of the revolt, Oct. 23, the store was attacked by Hungarian patriots who pulled down the red star and piled the store's goods in the center of the street and burned them. Budapest at the time they left was "a wreck — worse than when the Germans left in 1945," Gardos declared.

Revolt Starts
According to the refugees, the whole revolt started as a demonstration against a speech by the then Premier Gero. A crowd of people gathered around a radio station to protest the speech, they said, and the Hungarian army was called. Then, the secret police shot a Hungarian army colonel, touching off the revolt.

Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America encouraged the revolt, although they did not specifically promise military aid, the family reported. When military aid did not come, there was no particular bitterness among the Hungarian people, however.

"It is impossible to tell of the cruelty of the secret police. They are perverted animals," Gardos declared in describing the terror which followed the outbreak of the revolt. He told how Russian tanks had gone through the streets machine gunning the crowds and wreaking havoc among buildings in the city.

Withdrawal 'a Laugh'
He termed the original Russian withdrawal from Budapest "a laugh." The reason for the withdrawal was to allow the evacuation of the families of Russians from the city and to remove necessary equipment. He pointed out that the Russians never relinquished control of the country's airfields.

Many Russian troops sided with the Hungarian patriots, he said, against their own countrymen.

Many of the Russian troops were Mongolians, he said, and many times during the revolt the White Russian and Mongolian troops were fighting each other.

"The good communist children" were allowed to attend the university, and it was this group who started the revolt.

Miracle Cited
"That is the miracle of the thing," Gardos declared. "That is where they flunked their examination."

He said that this proved that the educational process was the downfall of the communists.

"The Russians will fail—both at home and in the satellites," Gardos declared. "Their big mistake was to let Russians go out into other parts of the world, away from home."

Halmos said that in school "we learned that the Russians invented everything." Very few students believed this, he said, but they had to listen to it. The Russian language was compulsory in school, but Halmos took English tutoring on the side. He could not go to the university, but had to work where he was placed. He was learning window design at the time he left.

Pair Leave
The boy and his mother left Budapest on Nov. 20, taking a train to a town 20 miles from the border and walked the rest of the way. They were stopped by the Russians, who held them for a day and a half, and then released on the promise they would return to Budapest. They then fled into Austria and called Gardos, who had remained in Budapest to hold their apartment until he was sure they could escape.

He then took a train to the same spot, walked to a lake near the border, and then he and another group of men raised a sunken boat and rode in it until the water became too shallow. They walked for several hours through the icy water into Austria, where Gardos joined his family.

Gary Contacted
There, they contacted Gary, who is a distant relative. He arrived here from Hungary nine years ago and agreed to sponsor the family to this country.

Gardos hopes to find work here. In Hungary, he built switch boxes and transformers for X-ray machines. Halmos hopes to continue in his window display and may attend university here.

All are very glad to be in America, however, and took out their preliminary papers for citizenship Monday.

Presbyterians Plan Sunday Communion

Communion will be celebrated at the First Presbyterian Church, 1842 Gardena Blvd. The Rev. Truman M. Jolley, pastor, will preach on "In Remembrance of Me."

New officers will be installed also at the close of the service. According to H. O. Neigh, new elders will be Arthur Vos, Hugo Larson and Theodore Mauck. According to William O. Wilson, the new member of the board of trustees will be William Sullivan. The new deacons will be Arthur Snee, Harry Dunston, Frank Hortuchi, Le Roy Forehand, George Isom, Robert Clark and Riley Buck.

Births

Torrance Memorial Hospital:
RICOTTA, Mr. and Mrs. Louis, 5330 Central; son, Anthony Michael, 8 lbs., 9 ozs.; 7:25 a.m., Dec. 29.
LIXON, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben, 135 W. 214th St.; son, David Donald, 7 lbs., 2 ozs.; 10:23 a.m., Dec. 29.
MATTIS, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J.; son, 10 1/2 lbs.; 12:02 p.m., Dec. 29.
O'LEARY, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jr.; son, 10 1/2 lbs.; 4:02 a.m., Dec. 29.
EDMONDS, Mr. and Mrs. Ray; daughter, 8 lbs., 12 ozs.; 9:45 a.m., Dec. 29.

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The North Hi Breeze

By LEILA SANTOR

Tomorrow night marks the first dance sponsored by the Freshman class. "Hello, 57" is a salute to the New Year, and many Saxons will be there to join in the fun.

Held in the cafeteria, the dance is also a reward for Frosh who have paid their dues, as they can get in for only 25 cents. General admission is 50 cents and those with ASB and Activity cards can get in for 35 cents.

than it ever has. Let's keep it up.

Junior class members recently received their rings and are proudly showing them to everyone. The class of '58 has chosen its colors—which are a deep, dark secret—and its emblem. Work is beginning on the Variety Five week and Prom and on a dance which will be held in the very near future.

Tryouts for the annual Girls League Variety Show are being held today and tomorrow. It will be held Jan. 24 and 26. Chairman Nancy Gibson stated that the theme is to be "As Time Goes By." Mrs. Betty Lou Warren will direct.

Phyllis Sandoval is the newly elected president of Future Business Leaders of America. Other officers of the club are Bonnie Thorne, vice president; Jill Miller, historian; Karen Gaw, representative of the Inter Club Council; and Sharon Prater, sergeant-at-arms.

Each of the classes have completed their week in the Clean Campus competition and are waiting for the verdict of the judges as to which class kept the campus the cleanest. Regardless of which class wins, the general opinion is that the campus looks better

This organization will hold a sno-cone sale Jan. 15 and 16. It recently obtained the national and state charters affiliating the club with FBLA organizations all over the country.

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